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**Chapter 5, Section 2: Two-Party System in American History**

A) NAME & EXPLAIN the four major reasons that we have a two-party system (pgs 102-105)

NAME	Describe/Explain

B) What other types of “systems” are there, and what are the drawbacks / faults of them?

C) Although both major parties are broadly based and include people of all different ethnic groups, economic levels, religions, geographic locations and ages, there are some broad generalizations that can be made about the “typical” member of the Democratic or Republican parties. Use the text (pages 106-107) to collect information about what groups each party typically attracts.

The Democratic Party typically attracts:	The Republican Party typically attracts:

D) Use the graph on page 107 to answer the following questions:

- 1) Which of the two major parties shows more registered voters over the time span represented in the graph?
- 2) How many times does either party show a *majority* of voters as registered with their party? When does that occur? What historical event might help explain this level of popularity?
- 3) Which group shows the biggest *gain* in support between 1950 and 1996?
- 4) Which year shows the largest percentage of registered voters for Democrats?
- 5) For Republicans?
- 6) For Independents?

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### **Chapter 5, Section 3: Two-Party System in American History**

Use the information on pages 109-114 to answer the questions below.

1. What was the *first* political party in American History, who led it, and what did it stand for?
  
2. What was the *second* political party in American History, who led it, and what did it stand for?
  - a) What did this second party change its name to?
  - b) And it was also known as?
  - c) And finally known as?

3. Which parties experienced eras of one-party domination, and how did they start?

Era of (Party)	From	To	Started by/when/why?

4. The era of one-party domination ended in 1968. What kind of government has the United States had since then?